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**DAVE RAPP PRESENTS ENHANCED NASA SLIDES IN HIS 2 P.M.,
DEC. 10 LECTURE ON BERGRUN'S "RINGMASTERS OF SATURN"**

The UFOSG Board is proud to present a long-time member of the Study Group and its former Chief Field Investigator as a speaker who can make scientific theory exciting for experts and still understandable by laypersons. David Rapp, engineer specializing in sensor imaging and creation of technical software, will offer you a slide lecture giving a corroborating report on Norman N. Bergrun's "*Ringmasters of Saturn*" in the 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10 meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater Saint Louis, Inc. at Grone Cafeteria, Yorkshire Plaza, Watson at LaClede Station Road.

From NASA photos he enhances and from corollary sources in print, Dave Rapp will support Bergrun's premise that huge electromagnetic vehicles orbit within Saturn's mysteriously striated rings. You will be able to compare Dr. Bergrun's exceptional hypothesis with standard evaluations made by astronomers. Then you will visually compare NASA's untouched flyby pictures of anomalous debris orbiting Saturn with slide projections of the same objects which have been color-modulated or visually enhanced by Dave.

You will make up your own mind! Is Dr. Norman Bergrun's premise that electromagnetic vehicles orbit Saturn right? Do other credible scientists support his hypothesis? If so, who *or what* created these huge dynamic devices? How did they place them in such perfectly camouflaged observational orbits? What implications does this revelation have for us as "citizens of earth" and the space programs of every country involved? Observe, listen, evaluate and discuss! This should prove to be a fun meeting!

The meeting is free so the UFOSG board suggests you come early, buy good food at Grone's Cafeteria's fair prices, carry your trays to the room at the front right, sit at a table with friendly Study Group members and enjoy!

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'Mile Long' UFO Passes 150' Over Oklahoma Farm House

From Jim Hickman <thehickmanreport@ithnet.net>
11-13-00

I just received the following phone report:

On October 19th, in the evening, in a rural area west of the town of Elk City, Oklahoma, near the intersection of Hwy 34 and old Hwy 66, an unknown object described as having red, white, blue lights flew over a family's farmhouse.

It was reported that the object appeared from the southwest at a very low altitude, hovered overhead for about 10 minutes, then made a 180 degree turn on its axis and flew away to the north.

This object was witnessed by one adult and 3 children that were outside at the time. One of the children actually got a flashlight and attempted contact with the object. No report if the object replied.

The object was described as being dark gray or black. It was too low to distinguish shape...they estimated its altitude at 150 feet and described as being over a mile long.

The witness stated she was able to judge the distance and size by measuring it against a new race track that had been built nearby. She described the object as being larger than the track. It was also described as making no noise.

It was also reported this same object had been seen on several other nights but that this was the closest encounter so far.

I have been given permission to meet with the witnesses and I will update this report when I get more detailed information...

Jim Hickman The Hickman Report
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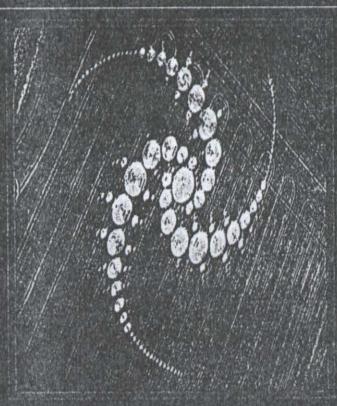
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The Inner

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By Charmayne Harper

Dr. Jack Kasher remembers very well a night in 1982. It was January 12 at 9:15 PM to be exact. He was home alone with his wife and felt an unexplained urge to go out doors on the back deck of his home. There in the sky he saw a "V" shaped thing in the night sky, illuminated with configurations of lights. He recalls standing and observing this object for a while and returning indoors with a sense of wonder. Since then he has definitely seen "other" lights on objects we call UFO's...the unexplained flying object. Somewhere around 1986-87, he feels his real interest in "the phenomenon" began.

Kasher has brought local hypnotist Neil Feser, who he describes as well trained, into cases involving clients who have been abducted. Kasher has undergone several sessions of hypnotherapy himself without any real abduction experiences of his own being recalled.

A number of years ago, Kasher attended some group meetings held at "Power Landing" in Omaha where a guest speaker met with a group of about 20-30 people regarding alien contact. The facilitator's intent was to prepare the group for their own "experience" which the facilitator would somehow eventually be instrumental in "setting up." (We could not recall the fellow's name but he was invited to speak by June Blair, the owner of the "Power Landing" facility). Although the group did not get to the point where they were abducted en masse, Kasher's interest in the subject grew. He attended the "Unexplained Phenomenon Conferences" held in Lincoln, NE and hosted by Scott Colburn a few years back. Colburn is the owner of the "Way Home Bookstore" and facilitator of events and programs related to UFOlogy in the local region.

Kasher feels there has been a decline from the intense interest in UFO activity and MUFON's membership since the 1980-1990's. There was much more activity and reporting of events and stories

than now. It seems the general interest is "waning" and there are not so many reported "big sightings." I wondered out loud if this is due to the long standing cover-up by media, military and government sources. Kasher is not sure. It is just his observation that this is occurring.

One event that really impressed Kasher was in Lincoln, NE when Martin Cailin was invited in by the Fortian Group (Tom Long and Don Joy of our MUFON group were instrumental in setting up this lecture and demonstration a few years back). Cailin demonstrated his ability to move an object with the power of concentration and invited others to try the same. Kasher participated in the experiment successfully and even purchased a replica of the instrumentation Cailin had used which he keeps in his office at UNO in the Physics Department. The device is a small disk object with inverted wings for the flow of air and it is mounted on a small rod the size of a pin head...all set beneath a glass dome that does not allow any outside air current or physical contact with anything to move the object. Don Joy, who set up this experiment for Cailin's visit when Joy was active with the Fortian Group (named for the writer and researcher George Fort) in Lincoln, verified that this demonstration of Cailin's ability to move the object and make it spin inside the dome did indeed work. He, along with Jack Kasher and others, had witnessed the physical movement of the object and had tried and succeeded in moving the object themselves mentally.

Kasher claims to have always been good at math and somehow was drawn to the Physics field in which he now teaches at the University of Nebraska at Omaha campus. He finds the current "String Theories" in Quantum Physics interesting. But he is especially drawn to the research being done on crop circles. He was introduced to a woman from New Mexico who was abducted and has since drawn pictures of "crop circle" designs from her "visions" beginning around 1978. Some of these same precise designs have not appeared until the 1990's on the planet. He finds her intuitive "visions" interesting in trying to explain the phenomenon of "crop circles" as well as the current scientific research methods of Dr. Leavengood and Nancy Talbot relating to

the circles. Kasher is postulating his own theories about the circles and what messages they might have for the planet, but has nothing conclusive as yet.

Kasher's research in the area of the now famous "STS-48 tape" and his networking with local researchers like Harry Jordan, retired professor Leo Sprinkle of the University of Wyoming, and director of programs at Goddard Space Center, and at NASA, have earned him some notoriety among the UFO community and of course, MUFON, of which he is the Nebraska State Director. He has been interviewed on Jeff Rense's radio program "Sightings" and the "Coast to Coast" Radio Program when Art Bell hosted it. (of which I have a taped copy of the Kasher segment with Roger Leir and Whitley Streber on a four way conversation with Bell).

When I asked Jack Kasher exactly what he thinks his role or mission is in all of this UFOlogy and research, he simply answered, "...to educate people." I found him to be very simply involved on a path that he realizes he has wandered onto by a series of events and interests that he has followed. He seems to approach his research and the stories of the "phenomena" with the avid interest of a child who is in complete fascination and amazement that the universe holds so many fascinating unsolved mysteries and whose ego is still seemingly uninvolved. □

There are some interesting stories... at <http://www.abduct.com/>

Some are stories I have not read elsewhere. There is more. Two, on-line courses, both related to abductions are offered: 1) Introduction to Abductions 2) Abduction Recovery Skills & 3) Alien Abduction Survey, this for abductees. In addition those features, you are going to find several others. For instance, click on the button marked "Research". You will see several items headlined, "Research News". "Aliens Perform Tracheotomy on Woman" accompanied with a few photos. This woman's physician has a story about her own sighting, that became part of the conversation about the surgery the woman patient claimed never to have. There are more buttons for links, book reviews, photos, Q&A, reports and more. This is one very good site to visit, abductee or not. Straight forward, easy to navigate: I give [abduct.com](http://www.abduct.com) a "Gold UFO" and strongly recommend surfing this site.

-Gary C. Matteson

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UNUSUAL UFO SIGHTED IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

On Wednesday, November 1, 2000, the witness, an 18-year-old male, was walking his dog near Union Street in Springfield, Massachusetts (population 220,000) when he spotted a strange light in the clear evening sky

"I was outside for perhaps five minutes before happening to look up, when I saw what looked like a Mars or Venus-sized white star-like object in deep space; then in four to seven seconds, it suddenly grew two to three times brighter (looking like Jupiter or Saturn's closest approach to Earth--witness) and then it seemed to get much closer to Earth for approximately two seconds. Then the white light almost simultaneously grew again in size to become approximately one-tenth of the moon's radius, and it gave off a circular-shaped spotlight effect that seemed to almost beam down in my general direction some five blocks from downtown that was comparable to the effect from a lighthouse or a ground-based spotlight, only this was happening downward in my general direction from a position one to four miles (1,600 to 6,400 meters) overhead, with the object maintaining a static yet stationary position in the lower atmosphere."

"What was particularly odd to me was how far away the object was when I first noticed it and how quickly it came to be so visibly larger and close, never moving laterally in my direction.. The outer white light border was comparable to the moon's clean, crisp border but made of bright solid white light. The object and its white beaming circular light focused downward for several seconds, never wavering in intensity or size."

"Then, just as suddenly, it shrunk in size in reverse order, losing its intensity as it seemed to move directly upward and away from my position to an altitude that seemed to be several miles higher. Then the white light, approximately one-fifth of its former maximum size and intensity, moved off 30 to 40 degrees to the right and away from my position and faded out, leaving a short noticeably white-and-blue light streak whose tail was comet-like in appearance."

"What remained was an equally odd light blue/dark blue almost two-dimensional area filled with what looked like a hazy water-ripple halo effect which seemed to move in the same approximate direction as the blur of light (the UFO) . Within five to seven seconds, the halo effect was gone."

"I was transfixed during the entire 15-second event and watched it in its entirety and waited for perhaps 20 minutes after the event, just to see if something else might occur but nothing did."

Springfield is the third-largest city in Massachusetts and is located on Interstate Highway I-90, also known as the Mass Pike, and is located 90 miles (144 kilometers) west of Boston. (Many thanks to the Alberta UFO Group for this report.)

(Editor's Note: Springfield has a long history of UFO sightings. On December 20, 1909, during L'affaire Tillinghast or "the great airship invasion," an orange spherical UFO was seen hovering over the city.)

Directors Report

BACK TO THE BASICS
By William I. McNeill

In the alphabet soup that is floating around in our culture these days, one acronym is FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions). Now that I am retired, I often get questions to the effect of "What are you doing with your time?" This is a perfect lead-in for me to tell them that I have a music hobby and also am pursuing my interest in UFOs, in fact, I am State Director of the Minnesota chapter of MUFON, the largest private international UFO research organization. This immediately leads to more questions; for example, one of my wife's friends asked FAQ#1: "Is anyone in your group willing to say what UFOs are?" I told her that some UFOs are misidentified common things, but there is evidence that some are craft under intelligent control, most probably from some place outside earth. A more complete answer would be that from a scientific standpoint, that question can't be answered yet. We would need a craft to land (say, on the proverbial White House lawn), analyze it, and verify that it has isotopes or materials or technologies that can't be produced here on earth. (That may have been done already.) But most of us don't try for scientific certainty in our daily lives; we may marry a person that we can't be sure will be a good spouse; we take jobs that may or may not turn out to be what we had hoped, etc. In other words, we take a practical approach. Personally, I take an "engineering approach", which is a form of the practical approach, making use of all the scientific principles that can be used given the time allotted for the task. It's good enough for government work, which I have done a lot of (at Univac, Honeywell, Mayo and General Dynamics).

For example, if John Doe, of generally honest reputation, says he saw a strange craft fly over on such and such a day, and describes it, and thousands of other citizens describe similar and in some cases, identical craft, and some of them photograph and videotape them and catch them on radar, we can be practically certain that such craft are flying around. And since they performed maneuvers decades ago that even today our own craft cannot duplicate, we can be practically certain they did not originate here on earth; they are alien. This is the "engineering approach". This was the approach taken by our military during the late 1940s even before the Kenneth Arnold sighting. There is documentation that they were already aware of the "Foo-Fighters", the "ghost rockets", and flying disk reports from members of the military, and evidence they were primed to respond to reports that might indicate a crash of one of these craft, as at Roswell.

FAQ#2: My friend Jon, whose wife was a member of NICAP until its demise, has discussed UFOs with me a few times. He asked me, "If UFOs are really alien craft, why doesn't the government tell us about them?" First of all, the government is notorious for keeping secrets past the time when there is any logical reason for doing so. Part of the reason is that the secrets must be reviewed for declassification, a long and arduous process, and everybody and his government dog must sign off on the release. A second reason, surely the most important, is that crashed alien craft most probably contain technology beyond our wildest dreams, technology which if assimilated could

assure the security of our country against any earthly enemy (and maybe some unearthly ones). Most assuredly, this is the way the military and the government view it, and rightfully want to keep that technology secret. So, why can't they tell us about the aliens, and keep the technology secret? They could, but what would they tell us? If they are as ignorant of the purposes of the aliens as many of us suspect, but are honest, they would have to tell us, "Alien craft are flying about our skies, and aliens are interacting with our populace, but we don't know what their purposes are. We don't know whether they are hostile, want to take over the earth, or help us." They probably fear that some percentage of the population would irrationally buy automatic weapons, supplies of food and water, and head for the hills and the caves. This could produce a significant disruption of our society. So, I'm betting that they are holding off an announcement until most of us who care about such things are aware that alien craft are here, and are not up to anything horrendous..

FAQ#3: "Could the UFO aliens be hostile to humans?" This is hard to answer with certainty. But my conclusion is most probably not. First of all, there have been upwards of 50 different alien types reported, and that may be on the conservative side. If some of them had hostile intent, we might expect the others to keep them in line. Furthermore, there is evidence aliens have been visiting earth for hundreds and probably thousands of years. If any of them had hostile intent, we should have noticed it by now! The alleged alien abductions of humans are not good evidence of hostility; we still don't know what the motives for this might be. Their motives could be to preserve human DNA against possible (or known) future catastrophe; to solve reproductive or genetic problems of their own; to prepare "hybrid" beings to assist them with future contacts, or all of the above. According to some (Col. Philip Corso for example), we have developed technology that can counter alien technology. Surely a nuclear weapon could annihilate an alien craft (although the aliens might be able to keep it from firing). If aliens wanted to take over our good earth, they would logically have done it by now. Forgedaboutit!


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Two Dramatic Mid-Air UFO Near Misses In 1967

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The following two encounters were excerpted from:

Aviation Safety in America - A Previously Neglected Factor

by Richard F. Haines, Chief Scientist

National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena
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January, 1967
 Night UP SW New Mexico

Jimmie Moran, a passenger on a Lear Jet 23 en route to Las Vegas, NV from Houston, Hobby Airport, Texas was the first to sight the bright red light associated with a sharply defined object ahead of them at their 10 o'clock position in the dark sky. He was seated on the left-hand side of the passenger cabin. Flying at FL410 to the NW just beyond jetway J-86 which ended at El Paso, the pilot, Carl M., filed for a direct flight to Winslow (AZ) on a heading of 300 degrees. He was delivering the new aircraft to its owner. An unnamed FO was also on board and saw the UAP which kept pace with the jet off its

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left-hand side for 29 minutes. Their airspeed was 300 kts. (Mach 0.82).

In the pilot's own words, I told Jimmie and the other passengers in the back, that maybe it was a light on a weather balloon. A few minutes later my passengers called me again, saying the bright red light was moving, so I told them that the light was in a military flight training block, so it might be a military plane. The light had a red ray below the light towards the ground and about 2000 ft. below the first light, a second oval light appeared, then a third light, and then a fourth, said Capt. M. Each had a red ray of about 2000 ft. from one to the other. Then the lights retracted one at a time until there was one light shining bright red. Then it ran the lights down again, but at a 40 degree angle. And then retracted the lights the same way. Capt. M. then radioed Albuquerque Center to inquire if they showed any aircraft at their 9 to 10 o'clock position. They replied they did not have any transponder signal there.

At this moment the UAP's light extinguished for 30 seconds and came back on again. Then Albuquerque Radar (AR) called me and said they had the object on their radar... 39 miles west of our aircraft and moving at the same heading. Next Albuquerque Radar contacted a National Airlines DC-8 then over Casa Grande, AZ heading for Houston and learned from its captain that . .he had been watching the light and said it did everything the Captain on the Lear Jet said it was doing. AR asked the DC-8 captain if he would like to make a UFO report, and the captain said no. AR asked the captain for his name, and he told them it was none of their damn business. It was at this point that the frightfully close near miss occurred.

In the pilot's own words, AR called me to tell me the object was closing in on me, and before they finished telling me, the vehicle was so close that the blips on the radar screen became one. [The captain's sketch of his cockpit window outline shows the UAP filling at least 75 percent of the window's forward area!] The red light was so bright that when I looked up from the instrument Panel and would look back at the panel my eyes were

having trouble adjusting (sic) each time to the panel white lights. At this close formation the encounter lasted 29 minutes... My passengers in the back were hollering at me to get them away from the object... After a few minutes the bright red light of the vehicle went out, but I could not get a good look at the vehicle, because my eyes couldn't adjust to the darkness before the vehicle turned the bright light back on. Then the vehicle slowed down [meaning unclear] to the point that I pulled away from him.

The passengers were overjoyed when the light went behind the left engine... But that was short lived. The vehicle passed us up at a speed so that the red light was trailing the object like a comet for as much as 150 yards. It slowed down again, which allowed me to overtake the vehicle at Winslow. We both made a left turn over Winslow at 41,000 feet. The UAP remained with the jet to beyond Flagstaff (where the aircraft was now under Los Angeles Center control which, the captain learned, also had the UAP on their radar). The captain said, My passengers were still hollering and in a panic for me to get them away from the vehicle. The UAP finally accelerated to the west at a 30 degree climb angle when we were only fifteen minutes from landing at Las Vegas. No official inquiry was made of this high altitude encounter. (Pilot report form)

October 27, 1967
0300L UP NE Jacksonville
(Atlantic Ocean)

This fascinating aerial encounter involved Charlie Little, pilot of a Piper-Twin Commanche PA-30 (N7942Y). He was multi-engine rated and a flight instructor. Two other commercially rated pilots, and a passenger were also on board. Having taken off from Opa-Locka, FL to Morristown, NJ, they were headed ENE at 8,000 feet altitude in uncontrolled airspace under an IFR flight plan but were in radio contact with Jacksonville ARTCC for safety reasons. Stars were visible in the dark sky.

Ground control helped them maintain a correct heading

when their two VORs apparently displayed significantly large angular deviations toward the east. About half-way between Jacksonville and Charleston, SC over the ocean at least three of the occupants saw a light moving across the sky and interpreted it to be a commercial flight at high altitude bound for Miami. But the light began to descend and approach their airplane. The pilot radioed radar control to inquire if any other traffic was seen in their vicinity (now at their one o'clock position high and seemingly southbound). The answer was negative.

Little turned his landing and taxi lights on. He said (later), As the light came closer and closer, it was very apparent that we were going to pass very close and that the aircraft was not making any move to avoid us. He then asked for permission to descend immediately... We may need all the way to the deck immediately. He received permission to do so even though permission was not legally required. Under the circumstances, he was probably trying to set an example of extra-safe procedures for the benefit of the other two pilots on board. Little then disengaged the autopilot, pulled the throttle back and pushed the wheel forward ...trying to avoid a head-on collision. We descended to 6,500 feet but the lights came closer and closer. Then they saw not one but six, huge, round, bright, white lights in a (horizontal) row. A collision seemed imminent. Panicking, I yelled, 'We can't get away from him!' The situation seemed hopeless; there was no way to avoid him. We were all going to die because the pilot in the other craft wasn't paying attention. Little had to shield his eyes with his hands the lights were so intense. Suddenly, a soft green light was all over our cockpit.

At the very instant of collision, ...the craft made an unbanked 180 degree turn, remained ahead for a few seconds and then took off and disappeared like a flash bulb. At least two of the witnesses agreed that the huge object was a gray equilateral triangle, each side at least 200 feet long and twenty feet thick. Its outer edges were very smooth and sharply defined (with no rivets, doors, antennae, windows, etc.) while at its center there was a triangular-shaped opening or hole large enough to fly through. It flew with one side directly forward.

IBM Sells Air Force New Supercomputer To Identify UFOs

11-22-00

NEW YORK (Reuters) - International Business Machines Corp. (IBM.N) said on Wednesday it sold the U.S. Air Force a supercomputer to help it to identify unidentified flying objects. The Air Force's Space Surveillance Team, based in Maui, Hawaii, will use the supercomputer to hunt outer space for old satellites, foreign spacecraft, and other UFOs that may be hurtling toward Earth, IBM said. The IBM system will be used to detect and identify some 9000 objects currently flying around in Earth's orbit. The computer can process 480 billion calculations per second -- making it about 40 times faster than the IBM "Deep Blue" supercomputer that defeated chess champion Garry Kasparov in 1997. That processing capability will be used to improve blurry telescopic images of space objects, allowing Defense Department military officials to identify the object. The new supercomputer was part of a \$10 million system upgrade, IBM said.

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As a pilot, I did not believe in UFOs but we had just had a near mid-air collision with one! When Little told radar control what had just happened he was met with ridicule. Later he recalled, I became very angry and threw the microphone on the floor instead of hanging it on the clip... We all knew we had just seen a UFO but we didn't know what to say. We were afraid that if we told anybody we would lose our pilot's licenses. This was very important to us because we were all hoping to become commercial airline pilots. It could be the end of our careers. Investigator Smith also discovered that Little was told by radar control that a United B727 captain allegedly had just reported the same shaped object over Washington (about 535 miles away)! I could not locate any record of this other claimed sighting which isn't surprising given the continuing attitude of derision shown toward air crew by authorities on the ground and the understandable reticence to report bizarre aerial sightings.

One final word is appropriate. Is it possible that Jacksonville radar was actually tracking the UAP and not the aircraft when the several clock-wise deviating VOR events were taking place? It isn't clear whether the aircraft had a transponder (they were relatively expensive at the time) so that ground radar might have had only a weak return from the aircraft's skin paint. Indeed, broadband radar in the 1960s wasn't particularly effective when it comes to a non-transponder equipped aircraft. The far larger radar skin paint return from the triangular object might have been significantly larger than that of the aircraft. If true, this would explain the progressive clockwise deviation of the ground radar's track that also corresponded with the south-bound movement of the UAP before it apparently changed its heading to approach the aircraft. (Smith, W., A huge open triangular UFO, International UFO Reporter, Pp. 4-6, Sept./October 1984, Center for UFO Studies, Chicago, Illinois).

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Mysterious lights reported over ocean in Newport

NEWS TIMES, Newport, OR - Sept. 13, 2000

By Kelly Moyer-Wade
Of the News-Times

For Peggy Standifer, the evening of Sept. 6 began just like any other normal night.

The 32-year-old Newport woman had dined with her mother and step-father and was ready to return to her own home when the evening took a decidedly bizarre twist.

"It was about 8:15 p.m. and the sun was just setting," recalled Peggy during a recent interview at her mother's north Newport home. "We had finished our desserts and had the blinds up."

Perched on a hill, high above Newport's Agate Beach community, Judy Standifer-Eager and Bob Eager's house offers a spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean, especially from the dining room window.

"We were looking out at the view of the ocean when, all of the sudden, we saw a light," said Peggy, making a circle about the size of an apple with her hands. "It was about this big, and it almost looked like the front of an airplane, but then we saw that it had three lights on it. They were green, red and white lights and were very bright."

For the next 30 minutes, the three family members gathered at the dining room window, binoculars in their hands, amazed by what they were seeing.

"Eventually, the object moved toward the horizon, but we could still see the lights," recalled Peggy. "Then, when it got to the horizon, it just lit up the sky. It made a horizontal flash of light across the horizon."

The family agreed that it was unlike anything they had ever seen before. "And believe me, we've watched a lot of beautiful sunsets from this house," said Judy, who has lived in the house with her husband for four years.

Intrigued by what they had witnessed, the family called the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Newport. "They told us that they hadn't been doing any maneuvers that evening and told us to call 911," said Peggy. "We didn't call 911 at first because we didn't want to seem like people from a National Enquirer headline!"

Still, the family was amazed by the intensity of the lights and the jerky, forward-backward movements of the object, which seemed to be in the shape of an oval.

"We talked about it for hours,"

said Peggy. "And, then, around 10:45 p.m., my mom was closing the window blinds. She said 'Peggy, come here!'"

Returning to the window, Peggy and her mother stared at each other in amazement. "We couldn't believe it," said Peggy. "It was back, but had moved a little bit to the north."

In the dark night sky, the object was not the size of a star and still had the same intense red, green and white lights on it, said Peggy. "We could tell that the lights were flashing, but it didn't look like an aircraft," she added.

Bob Eager, Peggy's stepfather, nodded his head in agreement. "It wasn't an airplane or a helicopter," said Bob, who had seen his fair share of aircraft while fighting for the U.S. Army in World War II. "It wasn't like anything we've ever seen before."

Calling the Coast Guard once more, the family was assured that no maneuvers were going on in that area. "Again, they told us that we really should call 911," said Peggy. "So, this time, we did call."

In a few minutes, an officer from the Newport Police Department arrived at Judy and Bob's home to check out the mysterious lights that were hovering above the ocean, straight out about 20 or 30 miles from the Beverly Beach area.

Two more Newport officers responded, and the three men watched the lights in the sky, then left, saying they were "going to get a better view," said Peggy.

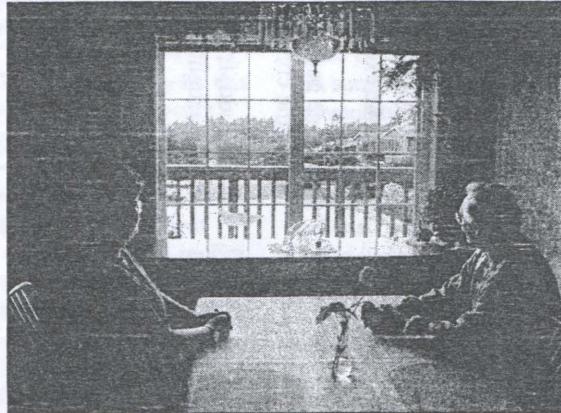
When she checked with the police two days later, Peggy was told that a report had been filed, which concluded that the object "was not an aircraft," and that the officers "did not know what it was."

Curious, Peggy called the News-Times, to find out whether others in the area had seen the strange lights.

"We were so amazed by what we saw that we wanted to know if others saw the same thing that night," she explained.

In search of answers, the family phoned the Federal Aviation Administration in McMinnville and was told that no airplanes or helicopters - military or otherwise - were reported in the area, on the evening of Sept. 6.

On Friday, two days after the sighting, Peggy called the National Reporting Center for unidentified flying objects, which is located in



Peggy Standifer and her stepfather, Bob Eager, sit in Eager's north Newport home near the dining room window, where, last Wednesday, the family spotted mysterious lights hovering over the ocean. (Photo by Kelly Moyer-Wade)

Seattle.

Contacted on Monday morning, Peter Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center, said he remembered the family's call.

According to Davenport, the reporting center received four other reports that same evening, one of which came from Laguna Hills, Calif., and resembled the Standifer-Eager's description.

"The other three were probably not UFO's," added Davenport, who said he could not confirm that the family saw a UFO, but that he was "impressed by their sincerity."

Bob Eager moved to this country at the age of 10 with his Dublin, Ireland-born family. He spent his later childhood in Washington with his five siblings and, in his late teens, joined the United States Army, ready for World War II.

He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, battled Japanese soldiers on islands off Alaska, and witnessed the Allied Forces' joyous celebrations when the announcement came that the war was finally over.

After returning to Washington, Eager worked for the Hanford Nuclear Reservation for more than 20 years and, like many people of his generation, retired to the Oregon coast four years ago.

He and Judy share a passion for the ocean that has carried over to Peggy.

A former nanny to disabled children and respite care worker for the state of Washington, 32-year-old Peggy moved to Newport four months ago to be near her two greatest loves - the ocean and her mother.

She is currently preparing for her first year at Oregon Coast Community College and hopes to become a psychologist.

Judy worked as an apartment manager in Washington and still receives mail from the residents who formed close friendships with her.

Their experience has broadened their minds, said Peggy, and made her into a firm UFO believer. "It was unlike anything I've ever experienced on this earth," she said. "And I truly believe that it was a UFO."

Bob agreed. "I would swear on the Bible that it was a UFO," he said.

The family is far from being alone in their new beliefs.

According to the National UFO Reporting Center, there have been more than 20 official reports of mysterious objects in the Oregon sky during the past few months, two of which were seen by people in the Lincoln City area.

"We just want to know if anyone else saw those same lights in the sky that night," said Peggy. "And we want to find out what we saw."

Jim Hawley, Lincoln County emergency services head, said he had no explanation for the sighting.

Marjor Part Of Bermuda Triangle Mystery May Be Solved

By Nick Parker

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The wreck of a British trawler believed to have been sunk by a gigantic bubble of gas could solve the mystery of the legendary Bermuda Triangle.

Scientists found the boat, believed to have gone missing around 70 years ago, 450ft down last week. It was lying almost untouched - the right way up and with its nets still attached - on a craggy patch called Witch's Hole 100 miles off Aberdeen.

Now experts say it was almost certainly doomed by methane gas bubbling from the sea bed there. The rising gas reduced the density of the sea water so much that the fishing boat was no longer able to stay afloat. It disappeared down the gas "hole" like a lift descending down a shaft.

And sailors jumping overboard would have done the same.

Scientists say a similar phenomenon may explain why dozens of ships have sunk in the region in the Atlantic known as the Bermuda Triangle.

It too has areas where methane escapes from the sea bed.

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The 300-metre wide site where the Scottish boat was found is one of a number of "pockmarks" caused by gas.

Pictures from a robot submarine showed that the 75ft steel vessel - built between 1890 and 1930 - came to rest over the exact spot where methane escaped.

Marine geologist Alan Judd, leading the investigation, said the chances of that happening are 10,000 to one.

Mr Judd, from the University of Sunderland, said: "Any ship caught above would sink.

"People jumping overboard in lifejackets would sink too.

"It is possible that a similar mechanism is responsible for the Bermuda Triangle.

"Gas hydrates are found in that area."

Details of his investigation appear in New Scientist magazine and will feature in a documentary.

Dr Judd added: "When gas blow-outs occur during off-shore drilling there have been numerous occasions when floating rigs have sunk.

"I've even met a few people who have been on ships that have encountered gas and lost buoyancy. It wasn't enough to sink them, but the ship dropped a metre or two.

"It must have been an interesting experience."

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You Can't Tell The People

The Definitive Account Of The Rendlesham Forest UFO Mystery

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*"UFOs? You must get your facts right, and
you can't tell the people."*

- Margaret Thatcher to Georgina Bruni, May 21, 1997

Certain members of the UFO community have argued that I have been too secretive about my findings on this case. However, there have been very good reasons for my silence. This investigation has taken a great deal of time and effort, but it has rewarded me with an enormous amount of valuable data. Because of the complexity of this case that data can only be published in its entirety, which is what I have done in "You Can't Tell The People."

The incident, which took place during Christmas week 1980 on the perimeter of RAF Woodbridge, then leased to the USAFE, has gone down in history as Britain's most famous UFO incident. Over the years a handful of American military witnesses have come forward to give their account and this has certainly shed some light on what occurred but, and they will admit this themselves, that although they were witnesses, they only have a piece

the UFO being nothing more than the beam from a nearby lighthouse station and/or stars - or rabbit holes as being the cause of the indentations in the forest floor that the witnesses claim were from the landing legs of the UFO. However, I have not based my findings on witness testimony alone, but have sought whenever possible to take their information and investigate it further, which has produced some very interesting results, including photographic evidence.

I am confident that whoever reads 'You Can't Tell The People' will find it a valuable casebook that will answer many of the questions often posed regarding this incident, and I would go as far as to say that approximately 80% of the information has never been made public before. This of course has only been made possible thanks to everyone who has contributed to this investigation, and it goes without saying that they have been generously credited.

This December marks the twentieth anniversary of the Rendlesham Forest incident - a time to spare a thought for those who were involved in these unusual events. Due to the harsh treatment meted out by those who wanted to silence them, coupled with the debunking tactics, the witnesses and their case has not had a fair hearing that is until now. 'You Can't Tell The People' takes a stand against the silencers and tells the people not only what happened in Rendlesham Forest in 1980, but also reports on the aftermath and the lengths that were taken to keep the people from learning the truth.

It is time to tell the people the truth about the Rendlesham Forest incident.

Georgina Bruni London

of the giant puzzle that is Rendlesham.

Remarkable evidence, such as Lt Colonel Halt's famous memorandum to the Ministry of Defence, and his audio recording taken in the forest during his personal experience of the incident, have been in the public domain for many years and these have been accepted for what they are. But this casebook reveals the amazing facts behind the memorandum and adds vital new information concerning Halt's tape recording. It also takes issue with other documents pertaining to the case that have never been investigated, as well featuring an interesting exchange of correspondence between prominent British establishment figures.

Apart from re-examining the testimonies of witnesses that have already gone public, other important witnesses, military and civilian, speak out for the first time, explaining why they have kept silent for so long. Their evidence is revealing and astonishing and adds greatly to the authenticity of the case.

The casebook also presents comments from British political figures and interviews with several key players, many of which have never gone on record until now. This includes a former USAF general, several former USAF commanders, and a former deputy commander of the AFOSI, a former British RAF officer, British police officers, Ministry of Defence employees and RAF personnel. It also reveals those who were called upon to investigate the incident and how their reports were never made available.

Until now there has never been a full investigation of this case and that is not meant as a criticism to those who tried to get answers in the early days. In fact I was surprised to discover just how much data these British and American researchers had individually collected and, I am grateful that they kindly opened their files to assist with my investigation; and it should be noted that much of this information is being published for the first time.

Because the true facts of the case have never emerged, many hours have been spent debating theories such as

Holiday Greetings

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